



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

Jim Pantone, Treasurer
Democratic Party of Orange County FED PAC
200 North Main Street Mezzanine
Santa Ana, CA 92701

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RE: MUR 5089

Dear Mr. Pantone:

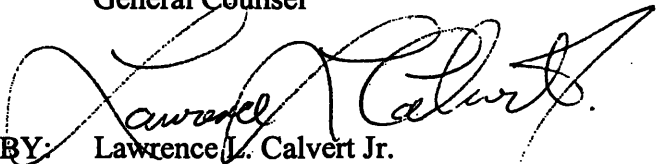
On September 12, 2000, the Federal Election Commission notified you through your predecessor committee, Orange County Democratic Party and Christopher Carnes, as Treasurer, of a complaint alleging violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). On February 24, 2004, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint, and information provided by the respondents in this matter, that there is no reason to believe the Democratic Party of Orange County FED PAC and Jim Pantone, as Treasurer, violated section 441d(a) of the Act. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information. Statements of Reasons explaining the Commission's actions with respect to other respondents will follow.

If you have any questions, please contact Kamau Philbert, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Norton
General Counsel

BY: 
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Deputy Associate General Counsel
for Enforcement

Enclosure
General Counsel's Report